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TAGS: ETRN, TU

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DC-10 PARIS CRASH

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SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: DESPITE CONTINUED EMBASSY
ASSURANCES THAT FAA HAS MADE MANDATORY MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY
FOR SAFETY DC-10'S, TURKISH DCA INDICATED MARCH 19 HE IS
CONSIDERING GROUNDING TWO REMAINING THY DC-10'S. EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS INTER ALIA FAA SPECIALIST DC-10 CERTIFICATION BE
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INCLUDED FAA TEAM VISITING ANKARA MARCH 27-29 OR, IF FEASIBLE,

THAT SUCH EXPERT MEET IN ANKARA WITH DCA BEFORE THEN.

1. TURKISH DCA, GUNDUZ GUNGEN, TOLD US ON MARCH 19 THAT HE HAD DOUBTS CONCERNING COMPLETE AIRWORTHINESS THY'S TWO REMAINING DC-10'S, AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE STRIKE OF THY PILOTS WHO SHARED THESE DOUBTS, HE WAS CONSIDERING GROUNDING THESE AIRCRAFT. GUNGEN EXPLAINED THAT FAA TELEGRAPHIC ADS (FAA BRUSSELS 071354Z AND 111915Z) CONCERNED MODIFICATIONS TO BAGGAGE DOOR ONLY AND DID NOT ADDRESS PROBLEMS RAISED IN LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS OF FLOOR STRENGTH, VENTING FOR PRESSURE EQUALIZATION BETWEEN PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE COMPARTMENTS, AND PROTECTION TAIL CONTROL SURFACE SYSTEMS. GUNGEN SAID HIS OFFICE TELEXED FAA BRUSSELS AND MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS FOR ADVICE CONCERNING FLOOR, VENTING, AND CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS AND RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM FORMER AND UNRESPONSIVE REPLY FROM LATTER.

2. WE REITERATED TO GUNGEN WHAT WE HAVE TOLD HIM ON MANY OCCASIONS DURING PAST WEEKS--THAT FAA HAS MADE MANDATORY ALL MODIFICATIONS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY FOR SAFE OPERATION OF DC-10'S. NEVERTHELESS, UNFAVORABLE FOREIGN PRESS (E.G., MARCH 10 SUNDAY TIMES AND MARCH 9 ECONOMIST) AND SENSATIONAL TURKISH MEDIA REPETITION OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CAST DOUBTS ON DC-10 TO WHICH GUNGEN ADMITS. MOREOVER, TURKISH CIVAIR OFFICIALS HAVE HEARD ONLY SECONDARY REPORTS OF MARCH 11 MEETING IN GENEVA OF DC-10 USERS, AND THY HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN KEEPING OFFICIALS INFORMED OF ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS REPS. TURKISH OFFICIAL AND MEDIA OVERREACTION TO TWO "ROUTINE" EMERGENCIES INVOLVING DC-10 MARCH 16-17 WEEKEND POINT OUT DEGREE OF TURKISH ANXIETY AT THIS POINT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TURKISH CIVAIR OFFICIALS ARE OBVIOUSLY CONFUSED AT THIS POINT, AND GUNGEN IS DISTURBED AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS A CASUAL ATTITUDE ON PART OF MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS. IT IS CLEAR THAT TURK CIVAIR OFFICIALS NEED EXPERT REASSURANCE AT THIS POINT. URGE, THEREFORE, THAT FAA BRUSSELS RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AND FULLY TO GUNGEN REGARDING CONCERNS DESCRIBED PARA ONE ABOVE. REALIZE THAT FAA TEAM VISITING ANKARA MARCH 27-29 WILL INCLUDE GENERAL AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION EXPERT. HOWEVER, RECOMMEND THAT TEAM INCLUDE FAA DC-10 SPECIALIST OR, IF FEASIBLE, AND MORE PREFERABLE, THAT FAA DC-10 SPECIALIST CONFER WITH GUNGEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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